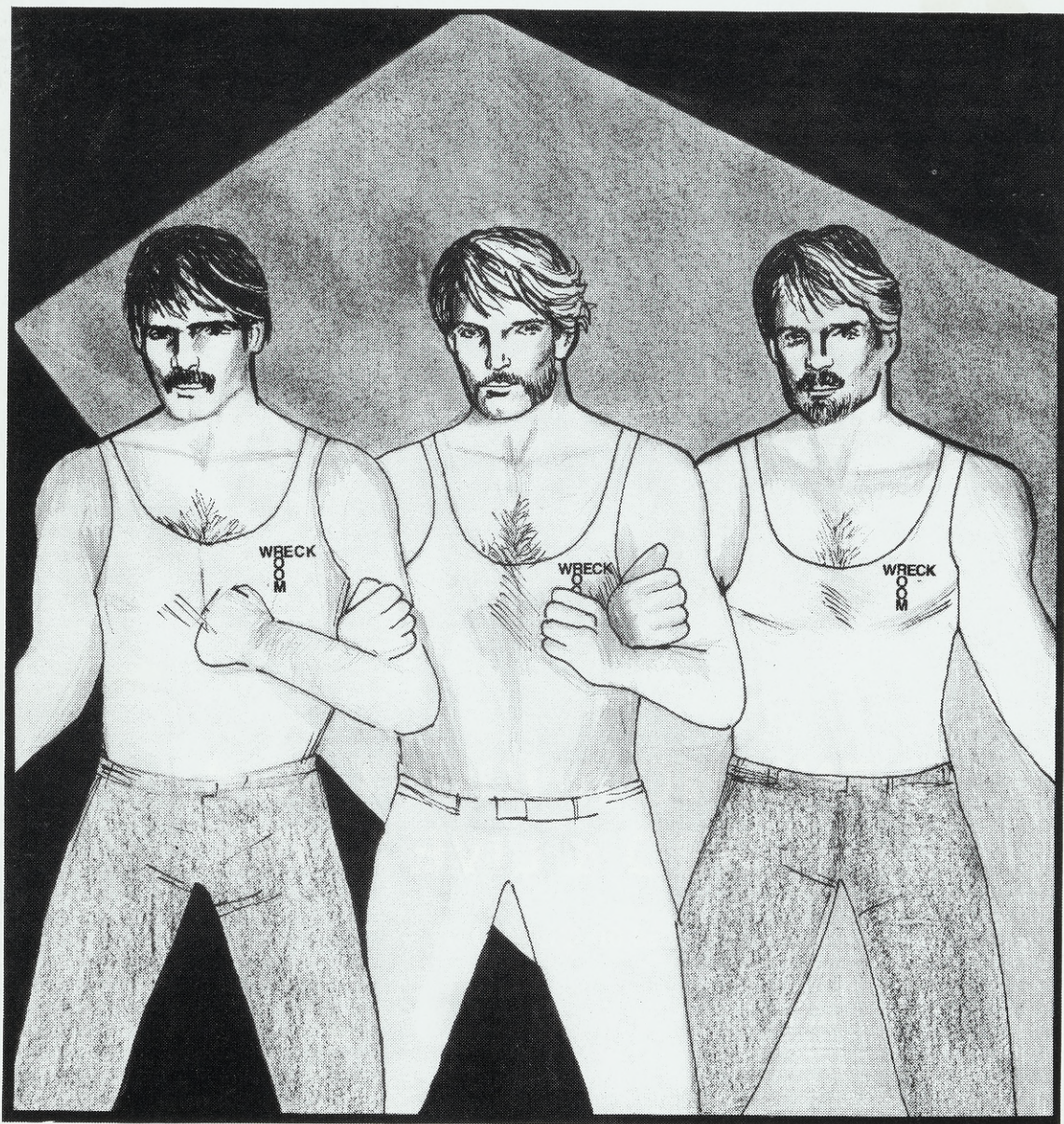


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## EDITORIAL

### GAY OLYMPICS — 1982

The Gay Olympics are for real. There have been all sorts of problems to overcome, the most notable being our creditability factor. A lot of people don't believe that gay people are capable of competing in sports seriously. Well, there are going to be around 2,000 gay men and women representing 19 countries who are going to do their part to prove once again that we are no different than straight people and that we run the full gamut of emotions just like everyone else.

Unfortunately, competing will not be enough. This will be the largest international gathering of gay people in history and for nine days the eyes of the world will be upon us. A lot of people will be hoping that the Gay Olympic Games (GOG) will fall flat on its face. That is not going to happen because it is already a successful event. However, to be a total success, we will still need the support and aid of the entire gay community. It will be a time to put our best foot forward and give the world an event it will not soon forget.

The Games need and want your support, so come on be a sport and support the Gay Olympic Games!

*Rich Wilkes*

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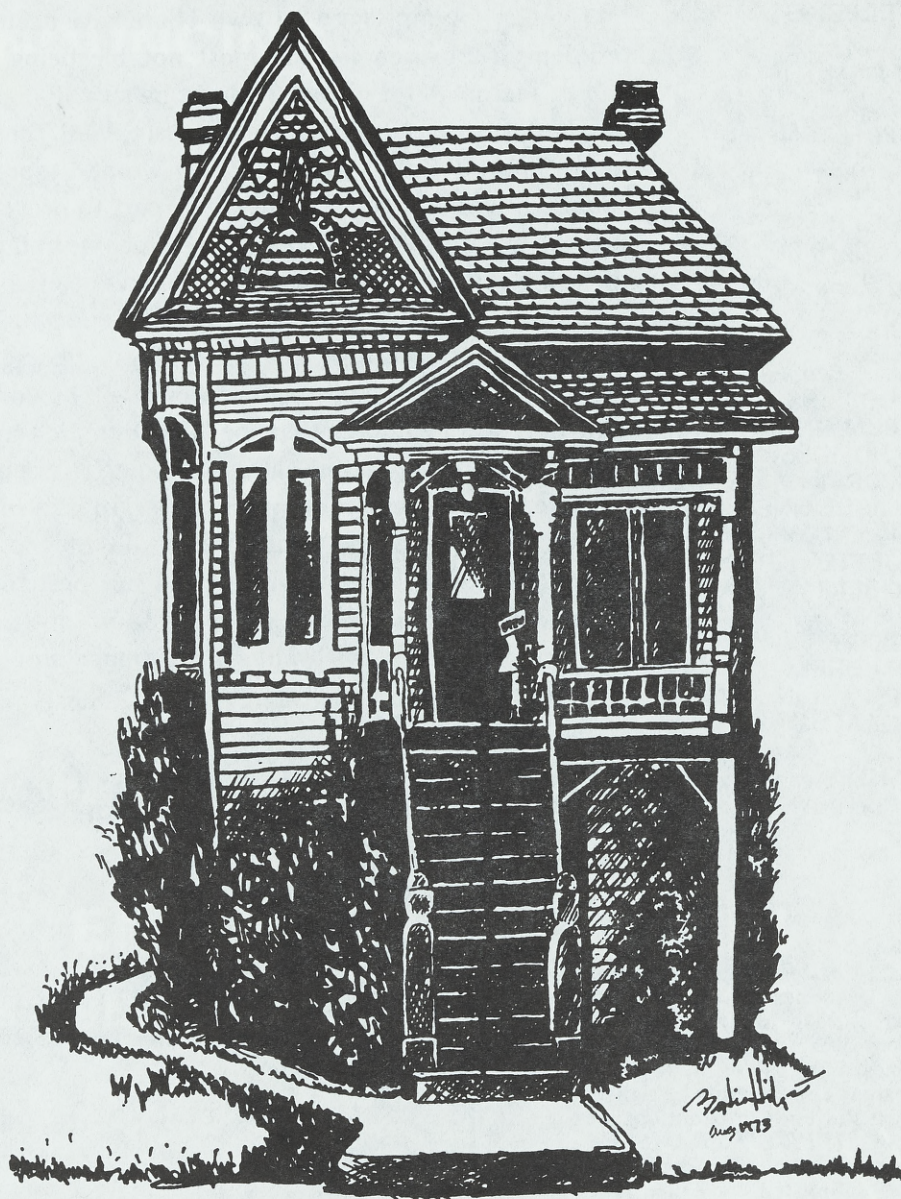
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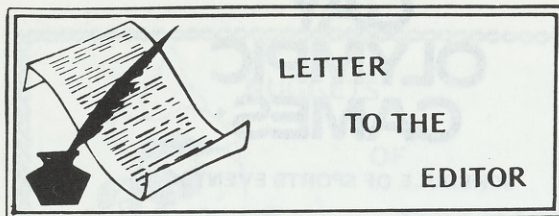


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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### EDITOR:

I would like to express my vibrations of the experiences I have gone through over the Fourth of July weekend. Sacramento celebrated the birth of our nation with out of town guests from Vancouver, B.C.; Seattle, Washington, Los Angeles, and San Francisco for the Wreck Room's Second Annual Softball Tournament. Many old friends plus many new friends entered our city for a fun filled weekend. The highlight of my weekend was 'Summerfest 82' at Helvetia Park. The Wreck Room presented another of their extraordinary events. People came from Reno, Santa Barbara, Fresno, Modesto, and Vallejo.

This was a first for Sacramento. A recording personality was flown in to entertain at the midnight show — Debra DeJean. If you haven't heard her, watch out. There's a lot of dynamite encompassed in this petite little lady. As far as I'm concerned, I want every record she has or ever will record. [Just a note: Barbra Streisand appeared at the Memorial Auditorium just before she became a superstar] The stage design was as fantastic (thank you, Dexter). The night included a full Bar-B-Que chicken dinner, disco dance by our Wreck Room D.J. Rich Carmichael, and Jim Kirstra (who will be back in the fall after a Reno summer); and we were entertained by an exposition by our Sacramento Square Dance group.

Many brought camping gear to stay the night. Then Sunday morning we went back to the park for the finals of the softball tournament. The Monday following the tourney many enjoyed a leisure rafting trip down the American River. Of all the years I have spent and worked for the community of Sacramento, THIS HAS TO BE THE BIGGEST EVENT that I have been involved in. Yet, I have to say, it's a shame that more of Sacramento did not support this weekend to remember. If you missed it, sorry you don't have the memories. My heart-felt thanks to the Wreck Room family.

Please, Sacramento, let's get together. Come out and support our community efforts to have a good time and support the efforts of all the friends who try so hard.

Love ya all,

*Digette*

### EDITOR:

I'm not in the habit of writing to publications, but I must make a statement about what I feel was the most dynamic happening in Sacramento since I have lived here. Summerfest 82! I had the pleasure of working with the most professional "family" — the Wreck Room staff pulled off a first rate party that in my book will take quite a lot to equal. To see so many people put together an idea such as Summerfest in the name of the gay community and for the gay community makes me proud to be a part of that community.

Thank YOU, Wreck Room.

— Dexter Smith

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# SPORTS RAP



by Rich Wilkes

## SAN FRANCISCO — 1982

The final countdown has begun, and the San Francisco Arts and Athletics Organizing Committee is planning the Opening Day ceremonies, which should be just as colorful and festive as those in the traditional Olympic Games.

The torch, which will ignite the flame for the first Gay Olympiad, was lit at the site of the Stonewall Bar in New York City and is being carried by runners cross-country to arrive at Kezar Stadium for the 1:00 p.m. Opening Day ceremonies on August 28, 1982. The games will end with the closing ceremonies on September 5th at Kezar Stadium with the actual competition ending September 4th.

Around 2,000 athletes, representing 19 countries and more than 100 American cities, will march into the stadium, in their team uniforms, behind the flags of their respective countries. The athletes will be preceded into the stadium by various bands, flag corps and dignitaries. Once everyone is in place, an original Gay Olympics Anthem will be played by the band as the torch bearers enter the stadium. They will climb the podium and light the flame to officially open the First Gay Olympiad.

The athletic competition is best described as "serious fun" and though outstanding performances are expected in each sport, the major emphasis is on participation. There will be an original Gay Olympic Games medal struck in gold, silver and bronze. The top six people in each event will occupy the winner's circle and will receive certificates, with the top three also getting the gold, silver and bronze medals.

Sacramento will be represented in bowling, golf, tennis and volleyball. There is a possibility that Sacramento will also have teams in softball, soccer and rugby. Following this article is a schedule of events, times and locations. For information on tickets, you can write or call Gay Olympic Games, P.O. Box 14874, San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 861-8282.

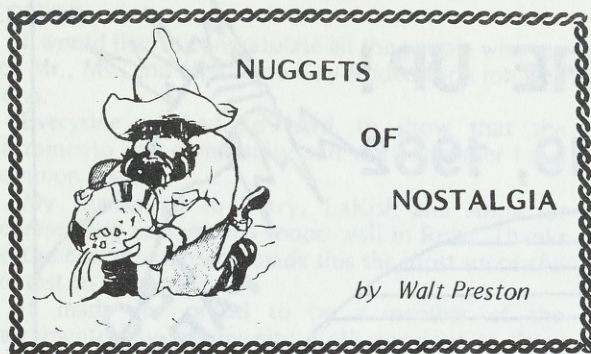
*Editor's Note: For those of you interested in how registration is going, it's about 50-50, with about 50 less women than men. Not bad for 2,000 participants!*

# GAY OLYMPIC GAMES

## SCHEDULE OF SPORTS EVENTS

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>BASKETBALL</b>              | Sunday, August 29 — Saturday, September 4;<br>8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.<br>(Kezar Pavilion)   |
| <b>BILLARDS</b>                | Sunday, August 29 — Saturday, September 4;<br>8:00 a.m. - Midnight<br>(Park Bowl)  |
| <b>BOWLING</b>                 | Sunday, August 29 — Saturday, September 4;<br>8:00 a.m. - Midnight<br>(Park Bowl)  |
| <b>BOXING</b>                  | Dates, times and place to be announced later.  |
| <b>CYCLING</b>                 | Massed Start Race — Saturday, September 4;<br>7:00 a.m.<br>(Golden Gate Park)<br>Cyclo-Cross — Sunday, September 5;<br>7:00 a.m.<br>(Golden Gate Park)                 |
| <b>GOLF</b>                    | Monday, August 30 — Wednesday, September 1;<br>Morning<br>Women — Monday and Tuesday<br>Men — Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday<br>(Harding Golf Course)                      |
| <b>MARATHON</b>                | Sunday, August 29;<br>8:00 a.m.<br>(Golden Gate Park)  |
| <b>PHYSIQUE</b>                | Thursday, September 2;<br>8:00 a.m. — Midnight<br>(Castro Theatre)   |
| <b>POWERLIFTING</b>            | Dates, times and place to be announced later.  |
| <b>RUGBY</b><br>(Women only)   | Sunday, August 29 — Saturday, September 4;<br>8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.<br>(Kezar Stadium)   |
| <b>SOCCER</b>                  | Monday, August 30 — Saturday, September 4;<br>8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.<br>(Balboa Soccer Field)   |
| <b>SOFTBALL</b>                | Sunday, August 29 — Saturday, September 4;<br>8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.<br>(Lang Field)  |
| <b>SWIMMING &amp; DIVING</b>   | Sunday, August 29 — Saturday, September 4<br>10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.<br>(San Francisco State University)<br>Open Practice — Friday, August 27. |
| <b>TENNIS</b>                  | Sunday, August 29 — Saturday, September 4;<br>8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.<br>(City College of San Francisco)   |
| <b>TRACK &amp; FIELD</b>       | Sunday, August 29 — Thursday, September 2;<br>8:00 a.m. — Noon & 1:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.<br>(San Francisco State University)<br>Open Practice — Friday, August 27        |
| <b>VOLLEYBALL</b>              | Sunday, August 29 — Saturday, September 4;<br>8:00 a.m. — 10:00 p.m.<br>(City College of San Francisco)<br>Open Practice — An adjacent gym throughout competition.     |
| <b>WRESTLING</b><br>(Men Only) | Monday, August 30 — Friday, September 3;<br>3:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.<br>(McAteer High School)  |





Every once in a very great while, there occurs in history an event which alters and illuminates the times, and my dears, the re-opening of the *true* Olympic Games in San Francisco this month is just such an event. Yes, sillies, I too know that Baron Pierre de Coubtin, under the patronage of the King of Greece, re-opened similar games in Athens in 1896, but these were run by straight people, and I said TRUE Olympic Games.

The first true Olympic games began 1,435 years before the birth of Christ as ceremonies to honor the King of the Gods, Father Zeus, who, my faithful readers will recall, I mentioned in my article in the September 1981 issue of the Rambler.

Zeus was noted for his many love affairs, the most noteworthy being with Ganymede, the most beautiful boy in all the world. Yes, my dears, the Father of All of the Gods and Mankind was less like his pet eagles and more like the chicken-hawk.

And yes, those splendid athletes who gathered on the plains of Olympia 3,417 years ago were not straight — they were our brothers. How dare the U. S. Olympic Committee say we can't use "Gay" for our games — I say they cannot use "Olympic" for their games. For the first 1,829 years, the games were gay owned and gay operated, and now they are again.

In ancient times, all the athletes competed completely nude — stripped absolutely naked, to insure that only completely physically fit and perfect men were competing in the events. All wars were stopped during each Olympiad — and this rule was always honored by all parties to any conflict. Perhaps these two customs should also be revived.

By the year 776, B.C., the system of the four year periods called "Olympiads" began and at this time, the games were expanded to also honor the god Apollo, whose love for the handsome young man Hyacinth caused even the sun to pale with envy. Hermes (whose nude picture appears on the front of every shop where we buy flowers for our lovers) was another of Zeus' great loves; they were always together. Hermes, called Mercury by the Romans, traveled to the very edges of the known world to spread the news of the games and from every corner of the earth athletes flocked to Greece.

The first Olympic Village did not begin in Cortina d'Amperzo, Italy in 1956 either. They began 3,391 years earlier in Greece. The competitors lived together in Olympia for 10 months to train for the games, to worship Zeus, Apollo, Ganymede, Hyacinth, Hermes, and each other. This annoyed the gluttonous Emperor Theodosius, who wanted all those heroic young men to worship him! So in 394 A.D., the emperor prohibited the games. Theodosius died eight months later, but the games remained closed for 1,588 years, until they re-opened in San Francisco.

In 1896, those ancient Gay Games were copied by our straight neighbors. Proclaiming their homophobic ideals, they staged copies of the gay ceremonies twenty-one times: 1896—Athens; 1900—Paris; 1904—St. Louis; 1908—London; 1912—Stockholm; 1920—Antwerp; 1924—Paris; 1928—Amsterdam; 1932—Los Angeles and Lake Placid, New York; 1936—Berlin; 1940—Cancelled, due to World War II; 1944—Cancelled (same); 1948—London; 1952—Helsinki; 1956—Italy; 1960—Squaw Valley; 1964—Tokyo; 1968—Mexico City; 1972—Munich; 1976—Montreal; 1980—Moscow.

In 1924 the Winter Games, unknown in sunny Greece, were created. In 1936 homophobic Germany insisted Gays wear the hated pink triangle, while reintroducing the sacred flame (prized by the first Olympians as the great symbol of their gay, erotic lust) into the new, so-called "Olympic Games."

In 1982 the Gays took back the games, and have called all their brothers and sisters together to sing the most sensational saga of all times.

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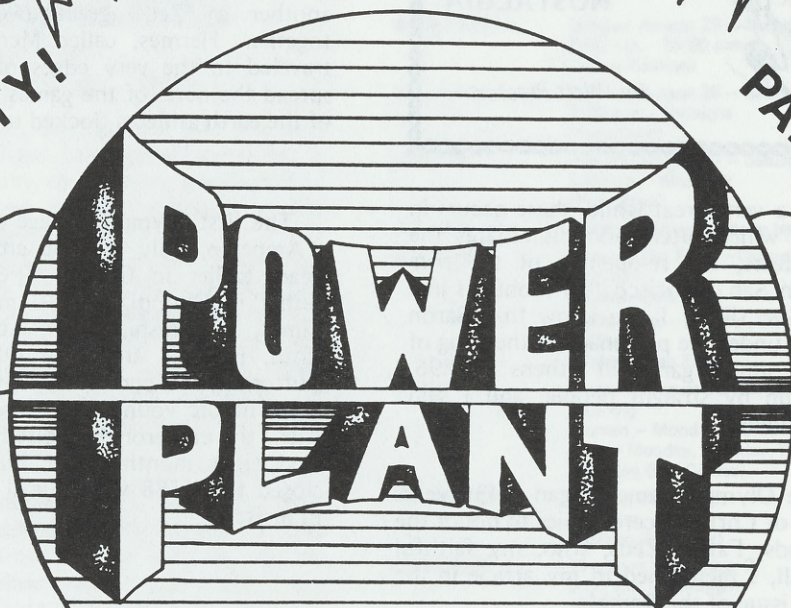


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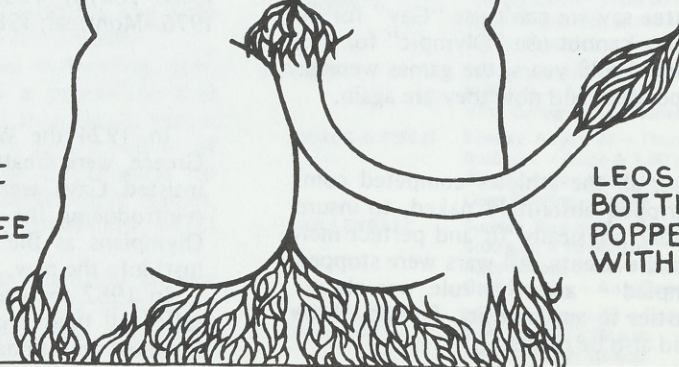
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EDITOR:

I would like to congratulate all the people who ran for Mr., Ms., and Miss Reno Gay Rodeo for a job well done.

Everyone worked so hard to show that the Sacramento gay community can work together for a common goal.

My thanks go to Terry, LaKish and Anna for representing Sacramento soooo well in Reno. Thanks to the coordinator who made this the most successful contest to date.

It made me proud to be a member of the Sacramento gay community. Let's continue to show our pride of who we are and where we're from.

— Shawn Scanlin

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## JUST THINKING . . .

By Joanie

Last week a "discussion" with an old friend and two strangers (to me) resulted in a lot of thinking on my part.

Sometimes we spend so much time answering challenges and attempting to justify ourselves that being ourselves gets lost in the shuffle. There are those who will question our right to be who we are, or what we are, or where we are. Often, if we listen long enough, we can begin to question ourselves. Or, failing to find answers acceptable to our critics, we begin to agree and to deny ourselves the right to be who we are, what we are, where we are; the right to BE.

I wonder if that's why suicides are so common. Is it that when we agree with those who would deny us the right to be, we must cease to be?

Life is too short and too valuable to waste it in agreement with negativity.

As a community we need to focus on the positives and be supportive of each other. We need to look to what builds us up, as individuals and as a community. There needs to be a focus, not on the problems, but on the solutions.

There's much that's going on that is positive. Perhaps we can share these positives a little more.

What's the most positive thing you know about in our community? It might be a group, a place, an event, a person, or a book.

Let's pool our resources. Write and share your ideas. Thanks in advance.

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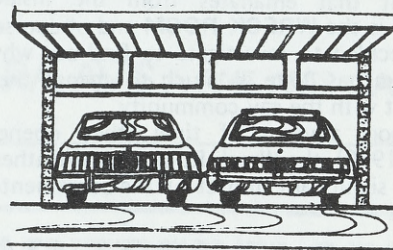
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# THE WRECK ROOM

## FAMILY!

The black door and stark appearance outside belie the feeling of 'family' and community pride and involvement that emanates from the inside. Of course, this is the **WRECK ROOM** and of course, the Rambler decided to investigate to find out why the Wreck Room has done so much to change the way bars interact with the gay community.

In a short amount of time (they opened in November 1980), the Wreck Room, a levi/leather bar, has made a significant impact on the Sacramento gay community.

Jim and Clyde, owners of the Wreck Room, have established a family with their employees. When talking to each of them, that feeling was conveyed again and again. The spirit of family is definitely evident when you are a customer. The staff works together as that family, to make you, the customer, feel comfortable and that you are in good hands while at the bar.

One employee shared his feelings: "When you come to the Wreck Room, get on down to basics. If you have an empty cigarette pack in your hand, don't put it neatly in an ashtray — throw it on the floor. We have a broom." It is the feeling of comfort and their "Don't worry about it" attitude that wins so many people to the Wreck Room. They strive to keep their customers "up" and want everyone to feel free to join in the party as long as they want to be part of a family spirit.

The Wreck Room staff have an intense group pride that spills outside the bar and manifests itself as community pride in Sacramento. This support for our people, coming from a bar, is nearly unique to the Wreck Room and seems to have been started by it, for there was no such bar in town before the Wreck Room opened.

Besides developing a loyal clientele, the Wreck Room has increased Sacramento's personal "gay awareness." Community involvement is their hallmark and it has been rewarded by several prestigious awards. So far, in 1982 they have won two awards for Gay Pride parades; the Cable Car award for Best Out of Town Float in the San Francisco parade, and Best Float in the Sacramento Parade; second place in the Seattle Softball Tournament (their team, the Wreck Room Stars). Last year the Wreck Room was awarded the "Business of the Year" by the River City Business Association, the Hard Hat award for Best Service, and their Softball Team won first place in the Sacramento Tournament.

The Wreck Room staff is always trying to come up with innovative events to fill the needs of our community. This is the way "Sunday Sleazy Pig-Out" started: what better way to end a weekend than all the draft you can drink (or spill) for \$2.50. They are the only bar to have Video First-Run movies at 3:00 p.m. on Sundays, and video on Monday afternoons.

A glance at the Wreck Room's calendar will show anyone numerous theme nights. These fantasy-geared evenings were started to bring people with similar interests together; a chance for customers who have something in common to meet. All this, and the Wreck Room still tries to come up with new and fun party events. For instance, their upcoming Nuts and Bolts Party, scheduled for August 26th is a way to meet new people. Everyone who enters that night will receive a Nut or Bolt and they will have to find the Nut or Bolt which matches theirs.



## THE WRECK ROOM FAMILY

Perhaps the most visual impact of the Wreck Room on our community is their annual entry in the Sacramento and San Francisco Gay/Lesbian Pride Parades. This year's float, in black, silver and lavender, sporting the "Wreck Room Man" was an eye and crowd pleaser. This is an expensive effort which goes unlaudded for the most part. Due to their family spirit and work, many hours of volunteer labor went into this year's float, paying off by winning San Francisco's Cable Car Award.

The Summerfest was the Wreck Room's biggest and most disappointing (to the staff) effort to date. The Wreck Room family put in many hours (again volunteer) cleaning New Helvetia Park, firming up arrangements, and doing everything they could to make Summerfest '82 an entertainment success. Although the park had a bad reputation in years past, Sacramento should have known by now that when the Wreck Room is behind anything, it is professional and well worth the time and money to attend and participate in. Unfortunately, although the guys spent two days cleaning and reshaping the park, bringing in professional, live entertainment and all the other creative and expensive efforts an event this big requires, and although it was advertised heavily in Sacramento and Northern California, most of the events support and attendance came from out of town. There's a great personal feeling of hurt on the part of the staff and a disappointment that even though they pulled together and worked hard to give Sacramento something they never had before (at a price better than San Francisco usually offers), the community did not respond.

Perhaps Sacramento doesn't deserve all the Wreck Room's efforts, or perhaps we are still disbelieving that a bar could care so much not only for its customers, but the *Entire Community*. Either way, the family at the Wreck Room is waiting for Our Response!

The Wreck Room has done a lot for us through their attitude and contributions to open closet doors in this town.

Please, don't slam them on your way out . . .

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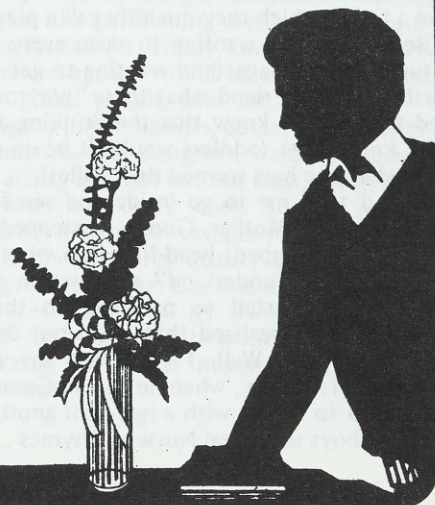
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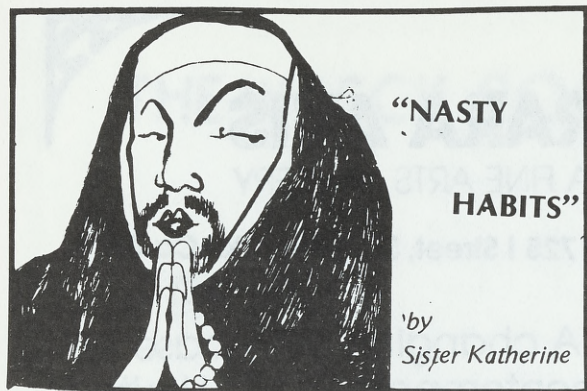
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EUROPE — “A NUN ON THE RUN”  
Part II

My German professor in college always told us, “You can learn more language beneath the sheets than in the streets,” so I decided to pit the streets of Deutschland against its gay bars (and hopefully someone’s home) to see just how much of the tongue I could pick up.

My first taste of German gay life was when Friend took me to Frankfurt one night and we walked into the STALL. I mean to tell you, it looked like the Leatherworld Catalog had come to life. I had not seen so much leather since I tiptoed through the Chicago Stockyards one night, looking for a new clutch purse for Miss Lyla. And of course, they were not ready for a shy, demure farm girl from Missouri turned Nun, either. So, I decided to chuck that image and play along.

German leather bars have a space in them that is tastefully decorated in basic black, usually with leather hammocks and straw on the floor, or else they have a toilet, which they quaintly call a playroom.

Being a person wanting to taste every nuance of culture and language (and wanting to get my \$1700 worth), I asked Friend what these “playrooms” were used for, since I knew that the drinking age was 16 and I knew most toddlers wouldn’t be up past 10:00 p.m., when the bars seemed their fullest.

Friend told me to go inside and see for myself. Reciting some Mother Goose, I stepped into the darkness and tripped, head-first into what I thought had to be a “Wunderkind” due to the size of his appendage. I started to pat him on the head to apologize and I realized that I was not dealing with *little* boys here. Well, I continued my missionary work until 1:00 a.m., when he bars in Germany close, and vowed to return with a pen-light another time to tell these boys some real Nursery Rhymes . . .

Munich was the second city in Germany to open its doors to this Sacramento Sister. I knew this was going to be my kind of town when we were about 3 kms out of town and the Munich equivalent of the Valley Knights passed us en masse. I rolled down my window, and wimple to the wind, winked at the husky leather number in the lead. He winked back and made a sign with the index finger of one hand pointing into a circle he’d made with the fingers of his other hand. Not knowing German sign language I leaned backwards out of the window with a calling card in my teeth, a note on it asking him to meet me that night at the EAGLE Bar. He winked back, and the pack roared off.

At the apartment of Friend’s friend, I spent the afternoon gazing out of the window at the Munich skyline and going through my El Touristo Phrase book of Dirty Words in 27 Languages. “Wilst du mit mir zum Bett?” “. . . jetzt kennen wir bumsen?” I repeated a litany that outdid my rosary.

That night, I donned my leather habit and rubber boots and panties and headed for SenlingerStrasse 30, the EAGLE. From the outside, it looks a bit like the San Francisco EAGLE, and on the inside it looks a lot like the WRECK ROOM. I knew immediately that this was “home.” I headed for the playroom to see how many Juniors might need to be babysat and I was in for a surprise.

My declension in German must be the worst in history. I thought I had used the “familiar” You to invite the leather biker here, but evidently I had used the “perverted accusative,” because lined up behind Herr Macho, was the entire motorcycle club with grins and gleaming eyes. I quickly slipped my phrase book into my pocket, as I didn’t think I’d have time to mutter a word in any tongue besides “Mein Gott!”

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## NASTY HABITS

Several hours and Spaten biers (yes, Sr. Marry Me ... I bought them first hand!), after I had mastered German sign language, we left the EAGLE for a more german sounding bar, the OCHSENGARTEN, on MullerStrasse 47. Its literal translation is Bull Garden, so I couldn't wait to see what German bulls like like. The minute I walked in the door, I knew this was a missionary field ripe for the plucking, or should I say riding? I ordered 2 liter steins of Bier (only \$1.00 per liter) and began to make my way to the playroom, drinking one Bier and baptizing from the other, "in the name of the Miller and the Lite and the Budweiser ..." After convincing five of the Bulls to come over to my side, I decided my hands and mouth needed a rest (missionary work is so tiring), so I excused myself, gathered my clothes and left for the night.

The last German city with a large gay population that we toured was Cologne. I must admit that frankly I was disappointed. I rolled down my window as we neared the city limits, but I could not make out a single scent ... No Chaz, no Aramis, no Polo, — nothing — what a rip-off! Luckily the gay life here more than made up for this oversight in my tour book.

I went to three leather bars in Cologne, but I had such a good time that I can't remember their names. I do remember that in one of them. I went on so many rides that I would have sworn I was at Great America East. I one of the playrooms, I lost a barbell, so I had to spend the next day searching through gymnasiums inspecting everyone's nipples. I never did find it, and just considered that since it was Sterling it was my contribution to the German economy.

Next month I'll tell you about my adventures in Italy.

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## SPORTS

These guys are really competitive! That throw from right field to home was a big league play! What comradery! Do you realize that's the fourth double play that infield has turned in in five innings? These guys are damned good.

The aforementioned were just a sample of the remarks articulated by curious spectators (not our gay contingency of supporters) at the recent softball tournament.

I felt it was noteworthy to report the apparent positive vibes that these athletes created in the eyes of the general public. The entire gay community can be proud. I certainly was.

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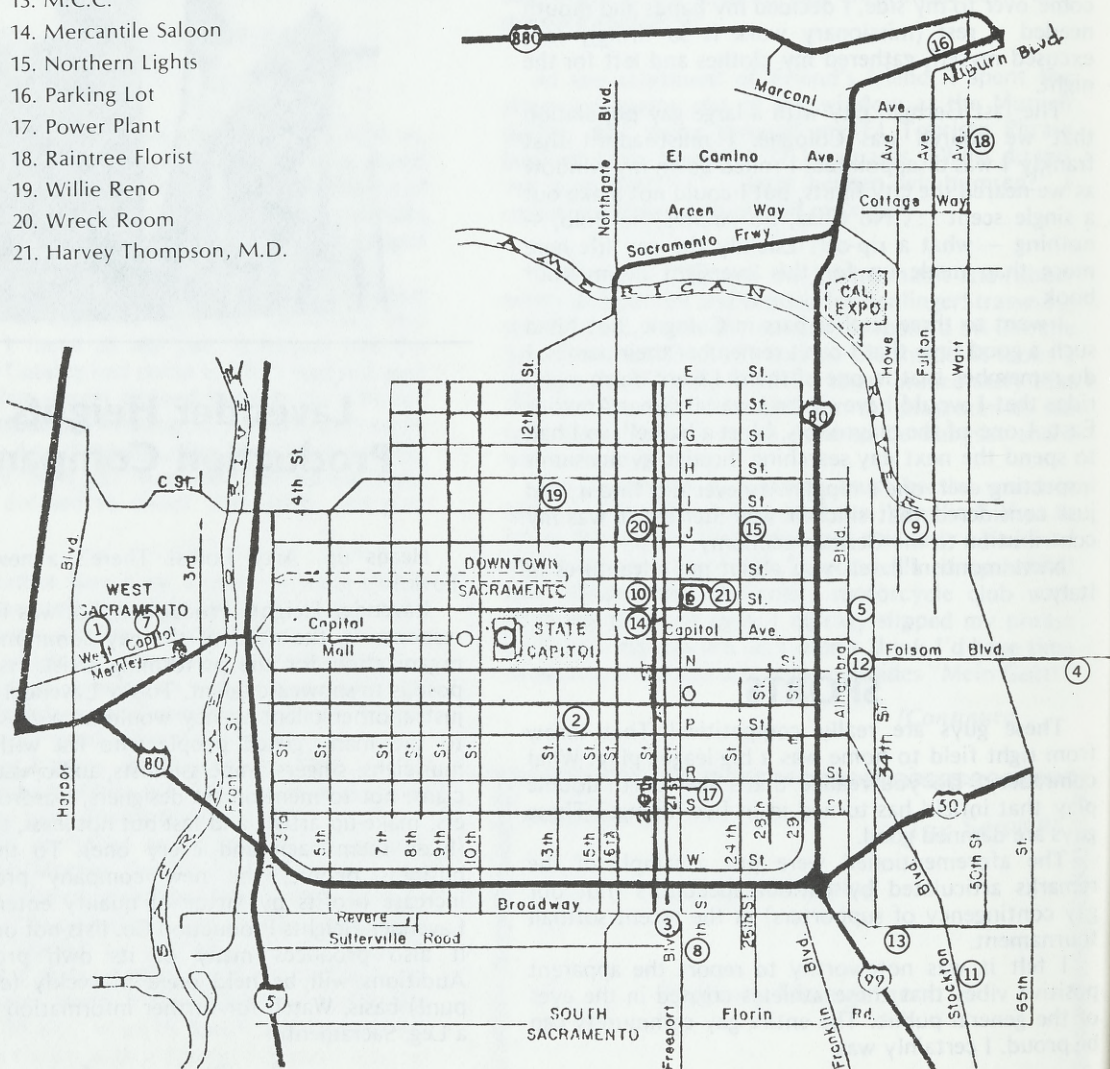
Lavender Heights Production Co. was founded in response to the need of the gay community for an organization for the performing artist. Its sole purpose is to showcase talent. To say Lavender Heights is just another talent agency would be a gross injustice to the many gifted people who list with them — musicians, singers, impersonists, audio/visual technicians, not to mention set designers, wardrobe designers, make-up artists and last but not least, the gypsies (bless them each and every one). To the valley's business people, the new company proposes to increase profits by virtue of quality entertainment. Lavender Heights Production Co. lists not only talent, it also produces many of its own productions. Auditions will be held on a bi-weekly (excuse the pun!) basis. Watch for further information ... Break a Leg, Sacramento!

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| American Civil Liberties Union .....          | 956-3339   |
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| Metropolitan Community Church .....           | 454-4762   |
| Mom... Guess What! Newspaper .....            | 456-5858   |
| Our Community United Center .....             | 444-9939   |
| Our River City Family .....                   | 927-6524   |
| Patlar Gazette Newspaper .....                | 391-9755   |
| River City Rambler Magazine .....             | 443-0562   |
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| SacPAC (Political Action Caucus) .....        | 457-7489   |
| Sacramento Gay Speakers Bureau .....          | 452-0721   |
| Sacramento Peace Center .....                 | 446-0787   |
| The Sacramento Star Newspaper .....           | 452-1476   |
| UCD Lesbian/Gay People's Union ....           | 1-753-2090 |
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| Valley Knights Motorcycle Club .....          | 920-3429   |





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| <b>15</b><br>MCC Services 11:00<br>454-4762<br>Brunch at the<br>Broadway, Ltd   | <b>16</b><br>Self Defense Seminar<br>RCBA & N.O.W.<br>Phone 424-5085<br>Our Community<br>United 444-9939<br>Young Adult Rap<br>427-3949<br>Club 21 Jackpot<br>Drawing    | <b>17</b><br>Capitol City Squares<br>786-2708<br>Ladies Night at<br>Bojangles | <b>18</b><br>Sacramento Star<br>Deadline 442-8683<br>Man Two Man Meets<br>392-4128<br>MCC Services 7:15<br>454-4762<br>N.O.W. meets<br>443-3470<br>Bojangle's Men's Nite                  | <b>19</b><br>ORCF Gay Volley-<br>ball 322-7126<br>Sacramento Gay<br>Freedom Parade<br>Committee 381-3115<br>Nightly Specials at<br>Incredible Edible<br>T-Shirt Night at the<br>Wreck Room | <b>20</b><br>Rambler Deadline<br>443-0562<br>Gay People's Union<br>Potluck 437-3949<br>The Wreck Room<br>After Hours<br>Anna Marie's Open | <b>21</b><br>Rambler on<br>Newsstands 443-0562<br>Women Over 35<br>Potluck 371-3496<br>Prime Rib Night at<br>Incredible Edible<br>Wreck Room Open<br>After Hours        |
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## Light Up Your Closet

As coordinator of a contest to raise money for charity, I would like to share with you my thoughts, experiences and disappointments. The contest for Muscular Dystrophy is what I'm talking about. We, the Sacramento gay community, were fortunate to have 12 contestants this year. These 12 people started out on their endeavor to raise the most money ever with enthusiasm and Sacramento gay pride. The contest began June 30th at 10:00 p.m. at which time all the contestants, armed with sealed paint cans, ascended upon our community. Believe me, it isn't easy going up to people and asking for donations. Some of our contestants found that out real quick. A few gave up, however, the ones that saw this thing through did indeed double last year's amount. The gross amount raised by our very own contestants was \$5,260.00. In case you didn't read it in Mom Guess What!, here it is again:

### Mr. Reno Gay Rodeo, Sacramento 1982

Terry Sidie ..... Winner - \$904.00  
 Kevin Cohee ..... 1st Runner-up - \$587.00  
 Jim Hayworth ..... 2nd Runner-up - \$553.00  
 Tony White ..... 3rd Runner-up - \$177.00

### Ms. Reno Gay Rodeo, Sacramento 1982

Anna Harrison ..... Winner - \$844.00  
 Digette ..... 1st Runner-Up - \$604.00  
 Daavee ..... 2nd Runner-up - \$203.00  
 (Started one week later)  
 Anonymous ..... (did not continue) - \$20.00

### Miss Reno Gay Rodeo, Sacramento 1982

LaKish Hayworth ..... Winner - \$1,155.00  
 Randi ..... 1st Runner-up - \$113.00  
 Frank Cummings ..... (did not continue) - \$21.00



For the winners there were several rewards. Western hats for an amount determined by the amount of money raised, free admission to Reno Rodeo, a title and the opportunity to compete for the title of Ms. or Ms. or Miss National Reno Gay Rodeo. For all the contestants the reward is participating in making a political and social statement during the Reno Gay Rodeo. Like Sacramento, the total amount raised by gay people all over the country was double from last year: the total \$72,000.00. Now let the straights call us perverts, but tell them to call us charitable perverts. There is more to being gay than just sex, don't you know.

In the beginning of my article I did mention disappointment. Believe it or not, with all the good things that came from this contest, some sour grapes need to be swallowed. Dissention and non-support. Dissention from some people in our community who did not agree with how this contest was run, or by the rules which stated how the money was supposed to be raised. Let me clear this dissention up in public. The only criteria for winning this year was money. How they came by the money was not questioned. Some contestants had to work hard and put themselves on the line, others had an easier time due to their connections. However, that is the way it is with most contests. Some have it, some don't, as the winners found out in Reno. No matter how hard they tried, there was someone else who won in Reno.

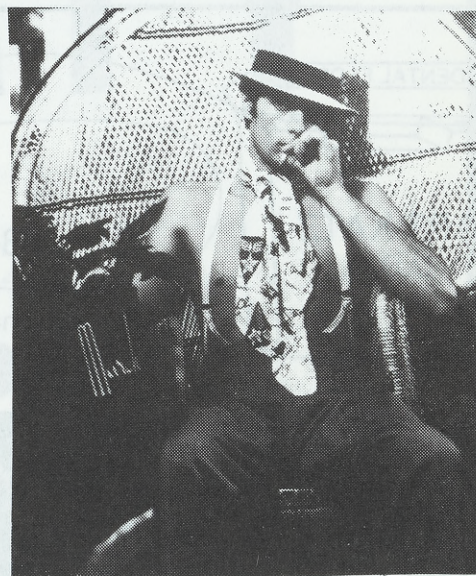
I was the only person in charge of this contest, and I tried to make it as fair as I knew how. I asked 12 people over to my apartment, including a representative of MDA, to help count the money, so there would not be any question. The net amount, \$4,957.00 was turned over to MDA on Wednesday, July 28th, via Ruth Jarvis, Sacramento representative for MDA. It always amazes me that no matter what anyone in Sacramento tries to do for the community there are always some people who need to make trouble. If the energy spent on dissention was spent on the betterment of the community, these people wouldn't have time to create trouble for those who work for our good.

To all the contestants and the people in our community who so generously donated, thank you for caring. In your hearts you know you have helped the gay cause by whatever participation in this contest. I love you all for helping.

— Love, Modette

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# Dexter



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### EDITOR:

Why am I out here? No one really knows. Maybe if I tried to explain who Digette is, then maybe some can understand what makes me happy, what makes me hurt, and what makes me explode. I want to be accepted by those around me (those who are close, those who are acquaintances). All my life I have fought for goals. In my younger days it was hoping to get one word of praise from my family and the kids that I raised (13). Everyone who thanked me, I can remember the person and the entire surroundings with heavy emotion. Being a woman I dropped out of college (since I was expected to marry and not need the degree). Therefore, I fought for recognition in the business field by being a perfectionist and nearly 100% accurate when I opened my mouth.

Now that you know where I come from, let's find out where I am now. I am involved in most of Sacramento's gay community activities. At first, being inexperienced in social conversation and activities, I fell back on my inwardly trained self preservation by fighting for a cause. By getting involved, I met people who became friends. By joining other types of community activities, I acquired more friends. All existed in different life styles. Therefore, I found myself racing from one group to another, to another, and back again.

Life is hectic. In the last year I have seen the different groups merge together gradually. Well, now let me get to the cause of this letter:

I have let myself down and those who looked to me as a concerned friend. I fought a great fight for Muscular Dystrophy. And when I fight I become completely drained — emotionally as well as physically. I raised funds for Jerry's Kids with the help of numerous friends. To the best of my ability I followed Reno and Muscular Dystrophy's rules that were published on our application for running. Maybe this year things were not explained totally to the contestants (I don't know, since I wasn't notified of a meeting prior to picking the cans up, and cannot comment). But letters or protest were submitted to the committee prior to counting the cans. I apologize for the way I handled the outcome of the protest, but this is my personality. I regret upsetting a few of those I care the most for. But I state now it may have been due to uninformed contestants or not enough people to handle the running of the contest. Next year I'd like to see even more contestants, and even more fun and surprises, and even more help in running the contest.

Congratulations to all those who ran for all were winners by gathering funds for Jerry's Kids. Congratulations to Sacramento for raising over \$5,000. Congratulations to the gay community for helping (maybe next year we will have to find another way to elect candidates, for maybe there will no longer be a need to discover a cure for Muscular Dystrophy.

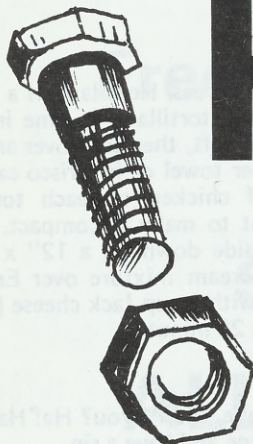
Love you All! And I know I will be working harder to make up for one emotional outburst.

— Digette

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# NUT and BOLT PARTY



THURS. AUG. 26

**8:00 PM**

Match your nuts with someone's bolt and  
you both receive a drink.

**at the WRECK ROOM  
OF COURSE !!**





## RECIPIES

*By Sister Grace  
(I'll have just one more and then I  
simply must be dashing...)*

### ENCHILADAS a la MEXICO

Well, darlings, I hope you are ready for a few extra kilos. Go to your favorite shoplifting place and get ready:

- 2 Whole chicken breasts. I don't mean the ones at Bojangles.
- 1/2 Small onion. That's the yellow things that makes you cry.
- 1 Bay Leaf. It comes in a box, not found floating in the water.
- 8 Peppercorns. Black things that go in a pepper grinder.  
Salt — it tastes like, Oh, you know! If not, ask someone with a Yellow Hankey.
- 1/2 Chopped onion. Refer to the Yellow Thing earlier.
- 3 Tablespoons Parmesan Cheese — it comes in a can.
- 4 oz. Shredded Jack Cheese. You know, like your clothes are after a good night in San Francisco.
- 1 (4-oz.) can Green Chiles. Ask Paul at the Metro Club.
- 1 (13-oz.) can Tomatillos, drained. Little green critters like tomatoes.
- 1/4 Cup whipping cream — if you can do it on your own, don't buy any.
- 1 Egg. The little white thing that comes in a hard shell that Rachel can't stand after a good toot.
- 1/4 Cup Lard — Ask Sister Heavey Wait.
- 8 Corn Tortillas — the things Tacos are made of.
- 4 Oz. Shredded Jack Cheese — Again!
- 1 Cup Sour Cream — (like when you don't change your Jock for a few days)

Now that you're broke and have to walk home, you can start the fun.

Place chicken breasts in a large pot, add water to cover, onion (the first one), bay leaf, peppercorns and salt to taste. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Cover and simmer 45 minutes, or two cocktails. Cool chicken in broth. Drain. Shred chicken with fingers (they've shredded everyone else). Mix chicken, chopped onion, Parmesan cheese and 1 cup (4-oz.) Jack cheese. Set aside. In a blender, combine green chiles, tomatillos, whipping cream and egg. Blend until smooth, add salt to taste; set aside.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Heat lard in a small skillet. Carefully place one tortilla at a time in hot lard 3 to 5 seconds, until soft, then turn over and do other side. Drain on paper towel or in Crisco can for later use. Place 1/8 of chicken on each tortilla, pressing the mixture flat to make it compact. Roll tightly and place seam side down on a 12" x 7 1/2" baking dish. Pour chile-cream mixture over Enchiladas and sprinkle evenly with 1 cup Jack cheese (Boy, is he getting tired!). Bake 20 minutes.

Thought you were done, didn't you? Ha! Ha! Ha! Get a glass of Holy Wine and have a sip.

Take two medium size avocados — those green things that have age wrinkles and look like overaged pears. Also one small tomato, chopped. This is the red one the farmers just got in the ground. Also two tablespoons minced onion, the yellow thing from the first part. And one teaspoon lemon juice, one half teaspoon garlic powder, and half a teaspoon salt.

Peel avocados (silly!), mash with a fork in a bowl (the round thing). Stir in tomato, onion, lemon, garlic powder and salt. Finish Holy Wine.

When the little critters (Enchiladas) are done, serve two per person and top with Avocado mixture.

Now for real excitement, add a tablespoon of sour cream on top of that and serve with refried beans.

Now that you're entirely broke and fat, and can't get in to your new 501's, look for my next recipe — Pepper Steak — only 202 calories per serving.

— Sister Grace

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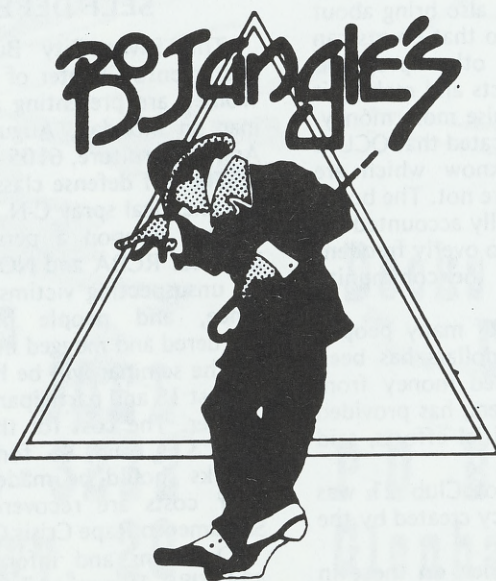
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## OUR COMMUNITY UNITED

The Board of Directors of Our Community United, in a meeting held June 21, 1982, has issued a call to the leadership of Sacramento's gay community to Leadership Conference III. This third in a series of community conferences which are designed to build the foundation for a community center will be held on September 20, 1982 at Sierra II Center at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of this conference is unique to Sacramento, and may be a first for any gay community in the United States. Organization leaders will be asked to work with each other in establishing a coordinated program of events and fund-raising in the Sacramento area. The goal is to provide each organization with information they need to coordinate the many proposals for community center fund-raising activities. It is hoped that this will also bring about some sort of community calendar so that events can be planned in cooperation with other programs thereby eliminating calendar conflicts and making it possible for each organization to raise more money.

Board member Tom Walters indicated that OCU is also concerned that the public know which are OCU-sanctioned events and which are not. The board wants to insure that all funds are fully accounted for and that the public is not exposed to overly frequent requests for money on behalf of the community center.

Through the unsolicited efforts of many people, especially GNIE, several hundred dollars has been raised already. This, along with seed money from R.C.B.A., the Wreck Room and others, has provided OCU with enough funds for its initial efforts, said Treasurer Jim Graham.

In other action, Bernie Ferris of Club 21 was selected as Director to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Tom Kendrick.

OCU President Philip Hoskins called on those in the community who wish to support the community center to meet with OCU on September 20 and to postpone, if possible, additional fund-raising efforts not already planned until after this meeting.

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## LEATHER AND LACE WOMEN'S MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Leather and Lace, a new Sacramento women's motorcycle club, is looking for more prospective members.

The purpose of the club is to provide comradeship and unity among women bikers, while sharing knowledge and information on all aspects of motorcycling, and to promote a positive image of motorcycling enthusiasts through safe riding.

Safety is of utmost importance in the Leather and Lace philosophy, and the club welcomes only those women who wish to ride safely while with the group or by themselves.

The club holds meetings twice per month, and recreational rides monthly or more.

Leather and Lace Women's Motorcycle Club invites you to come to their next meeting, meet members, examine the club's constitution and by-laws, and hear about current club activities.

Information on the whereabouts of the next meeting may be attained by calling 441-7098.

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## SELF DEFENSE TRAINING

The River City Business Association and the Sacramento Chapter of the National Organization for Women are presenting a Self Defense Training seminar on Monday, August 16, at the parking lot of Archer Furniture, 6105 Stockton Boulevard.

The self defense class offers training in the use of the chemical spray C-N. In order to carry and use this defense weapon a person must be registered and licensed. RCBA and NOW realize that bodily attacks on unsuspecting victims are no longer a rare occurrence, and people have been battered, raped, murdered and mugged in Sacramento.

The seminar will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 16 and participants are urged to come early to register. The cost for the training and registration is only \$11, and \$5 for the C-N spray (optional). Checks should be made out to RCBA. Any profit after costs are recovered will be donated to the Sacramento Rape Crisis Center.

Questions and information, call Pat or Ilka at 424-5085, 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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# BUTCH & NELLIE

## NELLIE

While discussing the upcoming Gay Olympics with members of the Rambler staff, Nellie recalled her college days and athletic endeavors. She remembered an event called the Campus Marathon. It was better known as the Hit-the-sack Race. Nellie used to put the shot, but she could never remember where. She was also adept at making a broad jump if you know what I mean.

While attending the University of New Mexico, the battle was on to select someone to be Miss Albuquerque. Nellie won by unanimous vote. She was the only contestant who could get all the letters across her chest.

Nellie recalled going to a tattoo artist to have a pair of panties tattooed on her hips. When the tattooer told Nellie it would cost her \$50 she complained. "You tattooed a pair of panties on my sorority friend for only \$25."

"Yes," said the tattooer, "but I went into the hole on that job."

Nellie remembered a conversation she had with a sorority sister which went something like this:

"Did you follow my advice about kissing your date when she least expected it?"

"Oh hell," said Nellie, holding her swollen eye, "I thought you said *where* . . ."

Nellie had enjoyed her freshman sexpot to the fullest and was preparing to slip out of bed when the underclassman whispered in Nellie's ear:

"A contribution!" Nellie exclaimed. "What the hell are you, a prostitute masquerading as a college girl?"

"No, dear," she replied. "A business major."

## BUTCH

The largest order of Chinese food delivered to the White House weighed won ton. The first flea market started from scratch. When tanning oil was first bottled, it could only be used on Sun-days.

The above are examples of a phenomena called puns, referred to by many as the lowest form of wit. Why not? After all, it is the foundation of all wit.

Butch attended a pun convention and wishes to share with his readers some of the more prolific contributions of the leading punsters:

There is a horror movie which co-stars the Loch Ness monster and the shark from Jaws . . . it's called Loch Jaws.

They just arrested a man who talks dirty to plants. He was caught making an obscene fern call.

A student nurse was given four demerits for being absent without gauze.

In Hollywood, it's not who you know, it's who you *yés*.

There are few telephones in China because there are so many people with the names Wing and Wong. The orientals are afraid they'll wing the wong number.

An epitaph in a dog cemetery read: "He never met a man he didn't lick."

General Custer really blew the Little Big Horn.

A sign on a demolition company truck: "Ediface Wrecks."

A sign on a garbage truck: "Always at your disposal."

A sign on the rear end of a huge truck: "Pass on the right for that off the shoulder look."

Rumor has it that Anita Bryant is writing a book called "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Queer!"

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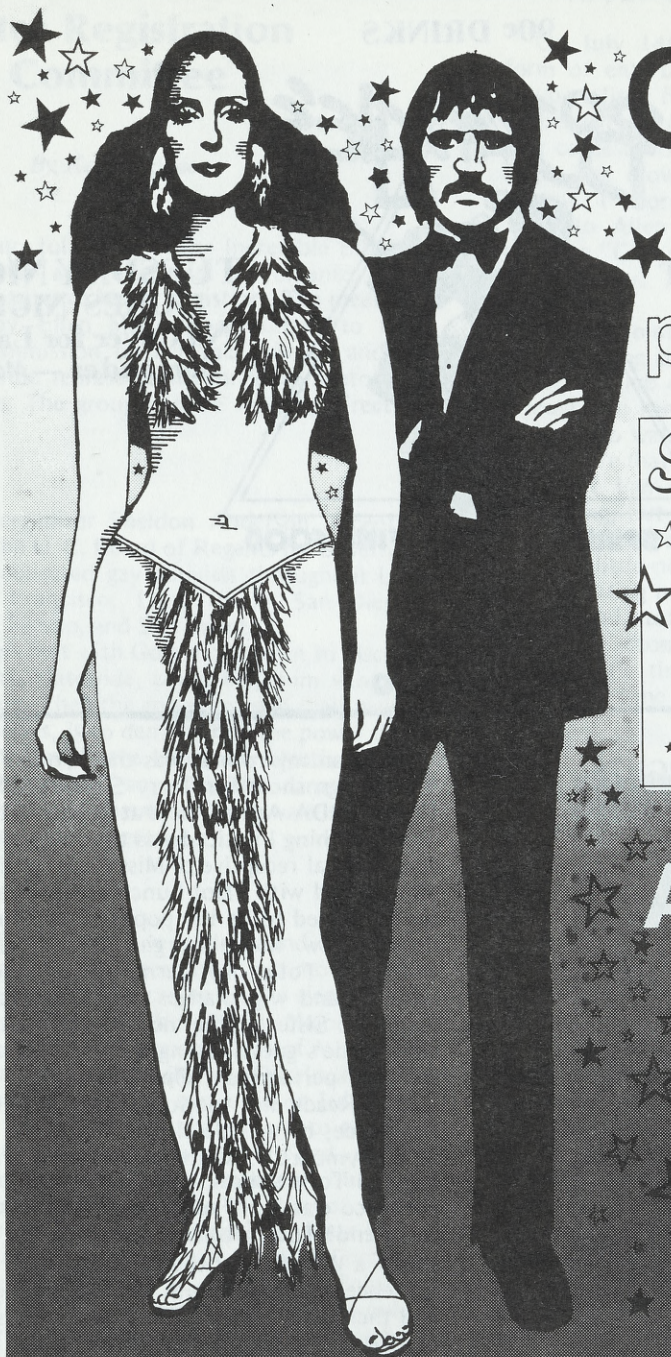
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### RIVER CITY NIGHTS

*by Frank Cummings*

Hi Y'all! This month I was kept very busy with a lot of entertainment and one big mishap. From my view, there were three shows worth critiquing and one worth mentioning because of its lack of worth.

The first show on my calendar was also the least. It was a campaign show for La Kish, Jim and Anna for the MDA Rodeo Contest and was held at the Mercantile on July 10th. If you'll remember in my first column, I said the Merc was the wrong place to hold a show, and it still is! There is no similitude of theater there; no stage, the poorest sound system I've ever heard, improper ventilation and over-crowding. With all these odds against them, they still tried to hold a show, which in itself was lousy! The only point that caught my eye was a fight in the center of the bar. Come on, kids, how entertaining is that? I sure hope y'all collected a lot of \$ for MDA so the show would have at least one redeeming factor. Rating for the show — MINUS ONE STAR.

Next on my rounds was the "Totie Fields Show," a campaign show for Terry Sidie for Mr. Gay Reno Rodeo (MDA Again!) held at Bojangles on July 11th. The first thing I noticed was that the crowd was small and not real receptive of Miss Fields at the beginning. She opened with "Hot Lunch" from "Fame." Totie's lunch seemed to be the poppers, which never left her nose. Screw them in, girl, it makes it easier to entertain! Totie did warm up and her numerous costume and wig changes were well received by the audience. Sister Katherine and two of the Nun-ettes were Totie's guests, doing the well rehearsed but not so well performed "Operator" and "Sisters." Sr. Lucien Ready was too loose and not so ready. Sister, next time, be a little tighter and a lot more ready! Miss Olympia . . . whatever your title is . . . the other guest in Totie's show, worked a mean fan dance to a hot disco classic, "Feels Like I'm in Love." Carry on, girl-friend! Totie closed her show with "When a Man Loves a Woman" by the Divine Miss M. She had the audience in a frenzy with her dramatic rendition, and had them totally living for it when she slid from one corner of the stage to the other on her stomach. Go on with it, Miss Thing, my hat's off to you. It's not easy doing your own show in a new place in such a short time. Rating for this show is THREE STARS.

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## Voter Registration Committee

By Kevin Cohee

On Thursday, July 14th at the Incredible Edible, fourteen women and men met to organize the Sacramento Chapter of Voter Registrars. The meeting was headed by Ellen McCord, consultant to the Governor's Commission on Personal Privacy, and is also the statewide representative for Sacramento for this committee. The group will be working directly with SacPAC.

Statewide organizer Sheldon Anderson, recently appointed to the U. C. Board of Regents by Governor Jerry Brown, collected gay activists throughout Los Angeles, San Francisco, Long Beach, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Fresno, and Sacramento.

The members met with Governor Brown to discuss how gay voters, statewide, could help him win the gay voting block. Then the group decided their major goal for themselves, is to demonstrate the power that gay people can show in the November election. This group is not any part of any particular campaign or group, other than gays themselves who want to make a powerful presence as voters.

All the major races are very close, and if we can show that we are only five percent, if not more, of all voters in our own cities, we can swing the election for the winning candidates. The 'Moral Majority' is targeting Jerry Brown and pouring tons of money in Wilson's campaign to defeat Brown. Our local committee (unnamed at this time) met again on July 21st and discussed fundraisers and promotions to get the gay voter registered and a means to get out and vote in November. There are numerous volunteers out and about with registration cards for anyone not registered, to do so. Anyone with questions, ideas or a desire to get involved, please call Ellen McCord at 731-7152. The Rambler will be centered on Politics and the Gay Voter in their October issue, and would like to see everyone registered and out there voting for 'themselves.'

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## RIVER CITY NIGHTS (Continued)

On July 14th at the Wreck Room, there was a form of entertainment very close to my heart (or maybe a little further down) . . . a Jock Strap contest to benefit MDA through Kevin Cohee. There were four contestants who did their bumps and grinds for a huge, hot crowd. I, for one, may have been the hottest. I thoroughly enjoyed myself. Third place went to Allen Puckett from Atlanta, GA; second place to "Crazy Scott O"; and the Grand Prize to Jay Montgomery. A job well done, guys! — THREE STARS.

At this point, I must apologize to Tommy Fowler for not being able to make his Barbra Streisand Show at the 21 Club on July 15th (benefits going to MDA through the campaigns of Miss Randi and Mr. Tony White. I do want to say that all reports coming back to me were that "Barbra" was flawless and turned the place out. I am sorry I missed the show and can't give it a rating, but rest assured, I won't miss your next one, come Hell or High Water!

. . . a little note on my rating system . . . shows are given a rating no higher than FOUR STARS based on my overall, total feeling of the show and not on individual accomplishment.

Well, it's time to close, kids; hope you had a wonderful time at the Rodeo. Until next month, Bye, Y'all!

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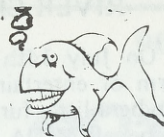
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